

PRICE RIVER ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE  
STATE ENGINEER

The meeting was held in the small court room of the Carbon County Court House at Price, Utah on January 18, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. Meeting was called to order by the State Engineer, Wayne Criddle at 4:15 P.M. at which time he discussed the purpose and reasons for holding said meeting. The State Engineer turned the meeting over to Chairman George Waterman.

First order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting by John Bene, Secretary, which meeting was held February 4, 1959 at 10:00 A.M. in the Price Municipal Building at Price, Utah. Motion was made by Gene Pressett representing United States Steel to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Dave Rowley, representing Spring Glen Canal; motion carried.

The financial report was read and explained by Frank Reese, Chief Accountant for the State Engineer's Office. Motion was made by Dave Rowley that the financial report be accepted as read; motion seconded by Sam Fassio; motion carried.

Harvey Thomas, River Commissioner on Price River, reported that of this date there was 13" of snow at Scofield Reservoir and that the holdover storage at the end of the irrigation season for 1959 was 5,610 as compared to 32,000 acre feet at the end of the irrigation season for 1958. Total reservoir water delivered during the 1959 irrigation season was 25,016 acre feet. Motion was made by Bill Welsh, Mayor of Price City, that the report of the Price River Water Commissioner be accepted; motion seconded by Gene Pressett; motion carried.

George Waterman, Chairman, asked Harvey Thomas to explain his duties as River Commissioner, which he did.

Mr. Criddle, the State Engineer, commented that it appeared from the record that the average cost of distribution per acre foot under Price River system was approximately 5¢ per acre foot; whereas, the State average was 10¢ per acre foot. Mr. Criddle also explained that it was the function of the State Engineer to instruct the River Commissioner in any and all matters regarding the distribution of water under any river system in the State of Utah and, further, that the State Engineer always followed a court decree in the interpretation of the law.

The Secretary and Chairman asked if there were any applications for the River Commissioner's job for the coming season of 1960. The only application received was a written application by Harvey Thomas for the River Commissioner's job for 1960 at a salary of \$2500 per year. Motion was made by Carlyle Pace of Price Canal that Harvey Thomas be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as River Commissioner for the ensuing irrigation season. Motion seconded by Dave Rowley; motion carried.

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Next item of business was setting up of the budget for the year 1960 which was set as follows:

Commissioner's salary	\$2500.00
Social Security	75.00
Auto Travel for River Commissioner	650.00
Annual Report	100.00
Bond & Insurance Premium	50.00
Water Users Expense item	Deleted
Misc. Expense	75.00
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	\$3450.00

Budget was reduced \$417.50 from previous year. Motion was made by Mayor Welsh of Price City that the budget be accepted as set up. Motion seconded by Rex Mathis of Carbon Canal; motion carried.

Motion was made by Dave Rowley that the State Engineer be given the prerogative to work out a system for penalties on any delinquent assessments after he has consulted with the various water users throughout the state. Whatever he figures to be equitable will be exercised at his discretion. He had previously explained that the penalties were for the purpose of stimulating payment of assessments on time and not for the purpose of additional revenue, that in the past the water users suffered a financial loss on collection of delinquencies.

Having completed all the regular business of the annual meeting, it was moved by Dave Rowley and seconded by Sam Fassio that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Present were :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
George Waterman	Price, Utah	The Carbon Canal
Harvey Thomas	"	River Commissioner
Rex Mathis	"	Price River Water Users
Boyd McKean	Dragerton	Columbia-Geneva Steel
L. T. Newell	Sunnyside	Kaiser-Steel, City of Sunnyside
Wm. J. Welsh, Jr.	Price	Price City Mayor
Eugene Pressett	Dragerton	Columbia-Geneva Steel
K. T. Massey	Price	Price City Councilman
Dave Rowley	Helper	Spring Glen Canal-Stowell Ditch
Harold E. Wilson	Price	Carbon Canal
Carl Nyman	Price	Price City
Donald C. Herseth	Salt Lake City	Dist. Engineer, State Engineer
Wayne D. Criddle	"	State Engineer
Frank Reese	"	Chief Accountant
Jack Chiaretta	Price	Carbon Canal
Sam Fassio	Helper	Spring Glen Canal
Frank Kochevar	Helper	Stowell Ditch
Lyle Bryner	Price	Price River Water Users
Carlyle Pace	Price	Price Canal
James Fausett	Price	Gordon Creek
J. G. Naight	Salt Lake City	U.P. & L. Co.
John Bene	Price	Secy. Price River Water Users and Helper City Engineer

  
JOHN BENE, Secretary